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SAMHSA Accepting Applications for Prevention of Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS for At-Risk Racial/Ethnic Minority Communities

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is soliciting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2008 funding of cooperative agreements with community based organizations that can provide effective substance abuse and HIV/AIDS prevention services targeted to at-risk minority communities.

The main purpose of this cooperative agreement program is to assist grantees in building solid foundations for delivering and sustaining cutting edge substance abuse and HIV/AIDS prevention services. This program aims at expanding the capacity of community-level domestic public and private nonprofit prevention service entities to prevent and reduce the onset of substance abuse and HIV transmission among at-risk racial/ethnic minority populations. While grantees will have substantial flexibility in designing their grant projects, all are required to base their projects on the five steps of SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF). Successful evidenced-based prevention approaches developed from these cooperative agreements will be shared with other community service groups throughout the country.

SAMHSA expects that approximately \$17.9 million in funding will be available to award up to 46 cooperative agreements for up to 5 years. The average annual award amount is expected to be up to \$400,000 annual for grantees providing substance abuse and HIV/AIDS prevention services. The actual award amounts may vary, depending on the availability of funds. The cooperative agreement will be awarded by SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP).

WHO CAN APPLY: Eligible applicants are community-level domestic public and private nonprofit entities. For example, non-profit community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, colleges and universities, health care delivery organizations, local governments, tribal governments, tribal organizations and tribal urban Indian entities are eligible to apply. **Since the purpose of this program is to expand the capacity of community-level domestic public and private non-profit entities, state government agencies and national organizations are NOT eligible to apply.**

HOW TO APPLY: Applications for No. SP-08-001 are available by calling SAMHSA's Information Line at 1-877-SAMHSA7 [TDD: 1 800-487-4889] or by downloading the application at http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2008/sp_08_001.aspx . Applicants are encouraged to apply online using www.grants.gov.

APPLICATION DUE DATE: Tuesday, April 1, 2008. Applications **must** be received by the due date and time to be considered for review. Please review carefully Section IV-3 of the application announcement for revised Fiscal Year 2008 submission requirements.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Applicants with questions about program issues should contact Claudia Richards, M.S.W, LICSW, Branch Chief, Community Grants and Program Development, CSAP or inquiry email inquires to fy08mairfa@samhsa.hhs.gov, or contact the Helpline at (240) 276-2409.

For questions on grants management issues contact Edna Frazier at (240) 276-1405 or edna.frazier@samhsa.hhs.gov

SAMHSA is a public health agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The agency is responsible for improving the accountability, capacity and effectiveness of the nation's substance abuse prevention, addictions treatment and mental health services delivery systems.